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CIVIL AVIATION
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CONGESTION AT MUMBAI AND DELHI AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai and Delhi Airports have become highly congested to handle the existing air traffic;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove the congestion at these Airports to ensure smooth traffic;

(c) whether the Government is also planning to provide separate facilities for helicopters and smaller aircrafts at these airports to reduce this congestion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c)&(d):- Due to increase in passenger traffic as well as aircraft movements congestions do occur. To overcome this problem Airports Authority of India constantly endeavours to upgrade the airside and terminal of airports depending upon the requirements of airlines/traffic. There are plans to provide two rapid exit taxi tracks, parallel taxi track to secondary runway, more parking bays, modification of domestic and international terminal and specific parking facilities for smaller aircrafts at Mumbai Airport. At Delhi Airport, there are plans for parallel runway and taxi tracks, Rapid Exists, domestic bays, international bays, phased reconstruction of domestic terminal 1-B and parking bays for smaller aircrafts.